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Applicant: Taras et al.

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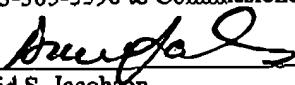
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Title: Distraction Pin for Fracture Fixation

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a timely reply to an Office Action dated April 25, 2003. As no claims
have been added, and no extension fee is required, no fees are enclosed herewith. If any
fee is due, please charge the fee to deposit account no. 07-1732.